

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

LONNELL JOHNSON,)
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Petitioner,)
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vs.) Case No. 4:11CV01022 SNLJ
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TROY STEELE,)
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Respondent.)

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter is before me on the petition for writ of habeas corpus filed by Petitioner Lonnell Johnson. I referred this matter to United States Magistrate Judge Noelle C. Collins, for a report and recommendation on all dispositive matters pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b). On August 25, 2014, Judge Collins filed her recommendation that Johnson's habeas petition should be dismissed.

Objections to Judge Collins' Report and Recommendation were filed on September 5, 2014. After careful consideration, I will adopt and sustain the thorough reasoning of Judge Collins and deny Johnson's habeas petition for the reasons stated in the Report and Recommendation dated August 25, 2014.

I have also considered whether to issue a certificate of appealability. To grant a certificate of appealability, the Court must find a substantial showing of the denial of a federal constitutional right. *See Tiedeman v. Benson*, 122 F.3d 518, 522 (8th Cir. 1997). A substantial showing is a showing that issues are debatable among reasonable jurists, a Court could resolve the issues differently, or the issues deserve further proceedings. *Cox*

v. Norris, 133 F.3d 565, 569 (8th Cir. 1997) (citing *Flieger v. Delo*, 16 F.3d 878, 882-83 (8th Cir. 1994)). Because Johnson has not made such a showing in this case, I will not issue a certificate of appealability.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Judge Collins' Report and Recommendation, #22, filed August 25, 2014 is adopted and sustained in its entirety.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus, #1, is **DENIED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Court will not issue a certificate of appealability. A separate Judgment in accordance with this Memorandum and Order is entered this same date.

Dated this 12th day of September, 2014.



STEPHEN N. LIMBAUGH, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE